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BIKING

SHRINE PASS ROAD - FSR 709

Length: 11.2 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Beginning Elevation: 10,600 ft.

Elevation Gain: +570 ft.- 2500 ft. = -1930 ft.

Trail Use: Moderate to Heavy

Open To: , Mtn Biking, Hiking, 4WD, OHV

Ending Elevation: 8,669 ft.

USGS Map(s): Red Cliff, Vail Pass

Access from Vail: Travel east from Vail on I-70 to Exit 190 for Vail Pass. Exit here and park at the rest area. turn right, heading west, onto the Shrine Pass dirt road (FSR 712).

Attractions/Considerations: This ride is often done as a one-way ride using a shuttle car left at Red Cliff. This allows for 8.9 miles of easy downhill with only 2.3 miles of climbing. For a shorter round-trip ride, climb to the top of Shrine Pass and return. For a much longer ride with more climbing, follow all the way to Red Cliff and return the way you came.

Trail Highlights: From the parking area, head west onto the Shrine Pass dirt road (FSR 712). This starts with a steady, gentle climb to a large parking area at mile 2.3 which marks the location of Shrine Pass and the trailhead for the Shrine Mtn. Trail. The road then descends gradually to a smaller parking area at mile 3.7 where there is a short, easy walk to "Julia's Deck." This deck overlooks Mount of the Holy Cross and is often used for picnics and wedding ceremonies. At 3.8 miles you will pass the Lime Creek Road - FSR 728. Stay right at mile 4.6 where FSR 713 goes left. FSR 758 is on the left at mile 7.0. A small wooden bridge on the left at mile 8.7 goes to McCallister Gulch Road - FSR 708 and Wearyman Road - FSR 747. A brown information board on the right at 9.3 miles marks start of Lime Creek Road - FSR 743. And you will reach the town of Red Cliff at 11.2 miles. Take a right to get to Hwy. 24.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Mountain biking provides the opportunity to "get away from it all." Careless operation of your bike can cause damage and may result in closing of areas to mountain bike enthusiasts. Respect the environment and other trail users. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow:

- * **Always stay on designated roads and trails;** off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- * Obtain a map of the area you wish to explore and determine which areas are open for use.
- * Avoid trails that are obviously wet and muddy to avoid trail damage.
- * When descending, apply enough brake to maintain control, but avoid locking your bike's wheels, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- * Cross streams at fording points only.
- * Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no OHVs or bicycles.
- * For tips on techniques and responsible recreation, visit www.treadlightly.org.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! TREAD LIGHTLY!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your trip.

